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MEETING

REF: A) EC A-274 OF 6/13/69; B) EC A-362 OF 12/21/72; C) EC BRUSSELS  
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1. SUMMARY. THE EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ( AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS) MET ON JUN 18 - 20 IN LUXEMBOURG PRIMARILY TO DISCUSS THE COMMUNITY POSITION CONCERNING THE CONCESSIONS TO BE MADE IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURAL FOR CERTAIN MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES ( ALGERIA, MOROCCO, TUNISIA, SPAIN, ISRAEL, MALTA). THE COUNCIL, IN THE EARLY HOURS OF JUNE 20, REACHED A COMPROMISE WHICH INTER ALIA WOULD LEAD TO MINIMUM IMPORT PRICES FOR CERTAIN CANNED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FROM ALL ORIGINS AND WOULD INVOLVE DEEPER CITRUS PREFERENCES FOR SPAIN AND ISRAEL. HOWEVER, THIS MESSAGE IS BASED ON PRELIMINARY INFO FROM A RESTRICTED COUNCIL SESSION AND DETAILS ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE. END SUMMARY.

2. THE EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MET ON JUNE 18-20 TO DISCUSS THE AGRICULTURAL ASPECTS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY' S MEDITERRANEAN POLICY. AFTER LENGTHY AND INCONCLUSIVE DISCUSSIONS, THE COUNCIL, IN THE NIGHT FROM JUNE 19 TO 20, MET IN A RESTRICTED SESSION AND AGREED ON A COMPROMISE PROPOSED BY THE EC COMMISSION. THE DETAILS OF THIS COMPROMISE ARE NOT YET CLEAR. THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS COMPROMISE APPEAR TO BE AS FOLLOWS:

3. CITRUS: THE MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES APPARENTLY WILL RECEIVE TARIFF PREFERENCES RANGING FROM 80 PERCENT FOR THE MAGHREB COUNTRIES ( AS AT PRESENT) TO 60 PERCENT FOR SPAIN AND ISRAEL. IT SEEMS THAT THESE TARIFF CONCESSIONS WILL NO LONGER DEPEND ON THE OBSERVANCE OF A MINIMUM MARKET PRICE, BUT MERELY ON THE WORKING OF THE REFERENCE PRICE. IF THIS INTERPRETATION IS CORRECT, ONE MAY EXPECT THAT THE REFERENCE PRICE WILL BE HIGHER THAN IN THE PAST. THE SYSTEM PRESENTLY IN FORCE FOR LEMONS WILL APPARENTLY CONTINUE. ITALY WILL RECEIVE INCREASED SUBSIDIES OF UP TO 7 U. A./100 KGS. FOR ORANGES SOLD IN OTHER COMMON MARKET COUNTRIES. ITALIAN MANDARINS WILL ALSO BENEFIT FROM SUBSIDIES.

4. PROCESSED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES: THE COUNCIL APPARENTLY DID NOT SPECIFICALLY ADDRESS ITSELF TO THE TARIFF CONCESSIONS TO BE GRANTED ON THESE PRODUCTS TO THE MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES, BUT ONLY TO THE OVERALL COMMON COMMERCIAL POLICY TO BE PURSUED IN THIS SECTOR -- WHICH, OF COURSE, HAS ALSO A BEARING ON THE COMMUNITY' S MEDITERRANEAN POLICY. THE COUNCIL REPORTEDLY AGREED THAT REMAINING MEMBER STATE QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS ON THE IMPORTS OF THOSE PRODUCTS FROM ALL ORIGINS SHALL BE ABOLISHED. IN LIEU OF QR' S, PEELED TOMATOES, TOMATO JUICES, CITRUS JUICES, AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CANNED PEACHES SHALL BE SUBJECT TO MINIMUM PRICES. THEY SHALL ALSO BE SUBJECT TO IMPORT CERTIFICATES ACCOMPANIED BY A SURETY. IT SEEMS THAT THE SYSTEM ADOPTED IS ALONG THE LINES OF THE ORIGINAL EC COMMISSION PROPOSAL ( REF. A). HOWEVER, WE ARE NOT SURE WHETHER THIS SYSTEM OF MINIMUM IMPORT WILL BE PERMITTED

ONLY TO THE FOREGOING PRODUCTS OR WHETHER IT WILL ALSO COVER  
OTHER PRODUCTS.

5. THE COMMISSION WILL SOON MAKE A PROPOSAL ON CANNED PINEAPPLES  
IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF THE FRENCH OVERSEASE DEPART-  
MENTS. THE COMMISSION IS ALSO TO STUDY AN IMPORT SYSTEM FOR CANNED  
MUSHROOMS.

6. OTHER CONCESSIONS WHICH THE COUNCIL AGREED SHOULD BE OFFERED  
TO THE MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- A. A FORTY PERCENT TARIFF REDUCTION ON POTATOES FROM ALGERIA,  
MOROCCO, TUNISIA, AND SPAIN DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY 1 -  
MARCH 31;
- B. ACCEPTANCE OF THE COMMISSION PROPOSAL FOR UNREFINED OLIVE OIL  
AND FISHERY PRODUCTS ( SEE REF. B.);
- C. A SIXTY PERCENT TARIFF REDUCTION FOR SPANISH CUCUMBERS DURING  
THE PERIOD DECEMBER 1 - MARCH 1;
- D. TARIFF PREFERENCES, PRESUMABLY OF SIXTY PERCENT, FOR TABLE  
GRAPES DURING THE PERIOD NOVEMBER 20 - APRIL 30;
- E. A SEVENTY- FIVE PERCENT TARIFF REDUCTION FOR WINES IMPORTED  
FROM ALGERIA, MOROCCO, AND TUNISIA; AND TARIFF PREFERENCES FOR  
SPANISH SHERRY RANGING FROM FIFTY- TWO TO SIXTY PERCENT AS WELL  
AS AN INCREASE IN THE TARIFF QUOTA FOR SPANISH SHERRY IN BOTTLES  
FROM 40,000 TO 80,000 HL. AND FOR SHERRY IN BARRELS FROM  
210,000 TO 760,000 HL. THESE TARIFF PREFERENCES DEPEND ON THE  
OBSERVANCE OF MINIMUM EXPORT PRICES.

7. THE COUNCIL TOOK A NUMBER OF OTHER DECISIONS WHICH WILL BE  
REPORTED SEPARATELY AS SOON AS DETAILS BECOMES AVAILABLE.

8. SINCE THE COUNCIL MEETINGS WAS HIGHLY RESTRICTIVE AND ENDED IN  
THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE MORE  
DETAILED INFORMATION FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS.

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